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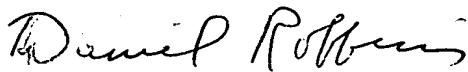
Support for Claim 14 may be found in the drawings and specification of the application. Fig. 1, reference number 10 discloses a channel 12 through which a cooling fluid flows, and Fig. 3 reference number 34 discloses a toroidal bladder through which a cooling fluid also flows. These are the thermally conductive element claimed in Claim 14. The collar 10, and the endotracheal tube 32 are the means by which the thermal conductive element 12, 34 may be positioned in localized contact with the soft tissue of the head/neck region (cranio-cervical region), either by contact with the soft tissue skin covering the carotid artery, or the tissue at the back of the throat as respectively shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The specification discloses the flow of a coolant through the channel 12 (page 4, lines 1-2) and through the toroidal bladder 34 (page 4, lines 26-27).

As the elements of Claim 14 are disclosed in the drawings and specification as filed, Applicant respectfully requests that Claim 14 be entered.

Applicant respectfully states that generic Claim 14 describes and claims a single invention in view of which the inventions of Claims 1-6, and Claims 7-13 are not patentably distinct. Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement for election of species be withdrawn, and that the application with the claims as filed be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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